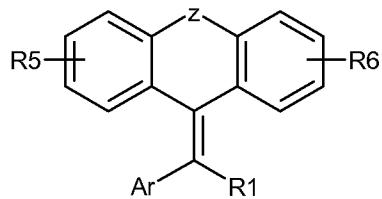


**Amendments to the Claims**

We Claim:

1. (Original) A compound of the formula:

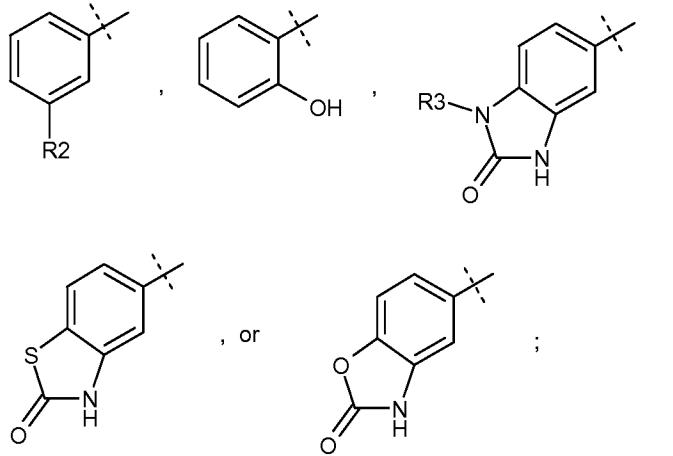


Formula I

wherein,

Z represents CH<sub>2</sub>, S, or O;

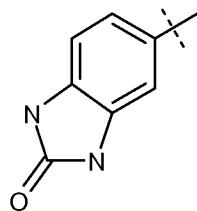
Ar represents a group of the formula:



R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, NH SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, provided that where R<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy then Z is other than S

R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-heterocycle, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-substituted heterocycle, provided that where Ar represents:



then Z is other than O;

R<sup>4</sup> represents independently at each occurrence (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, halo, amino, cyano, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, halo(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, NHR<sup>7</sup>, N(R<sup>7</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, SR<sup>7</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; and

R<sup>7</sup> represents independently at each occurrence (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, phenyl, or heterocycle;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

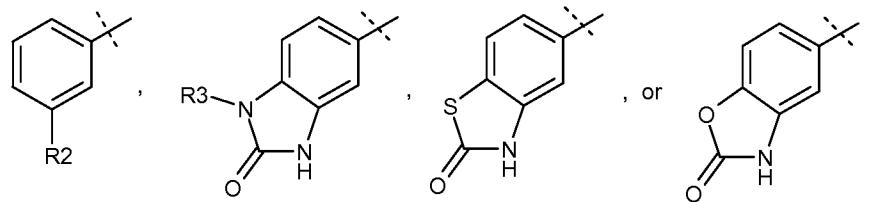
2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R1 represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R1 represents hydrogen.

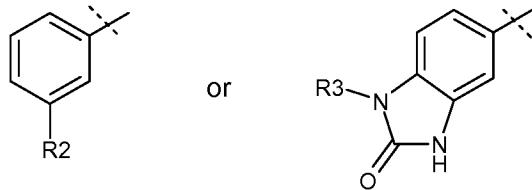
4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein Z represents S or O.

5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 wherein Z represent S.

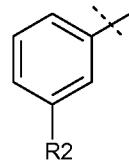
6. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 6 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:

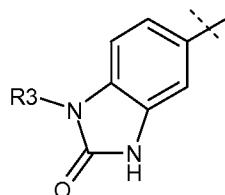


8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



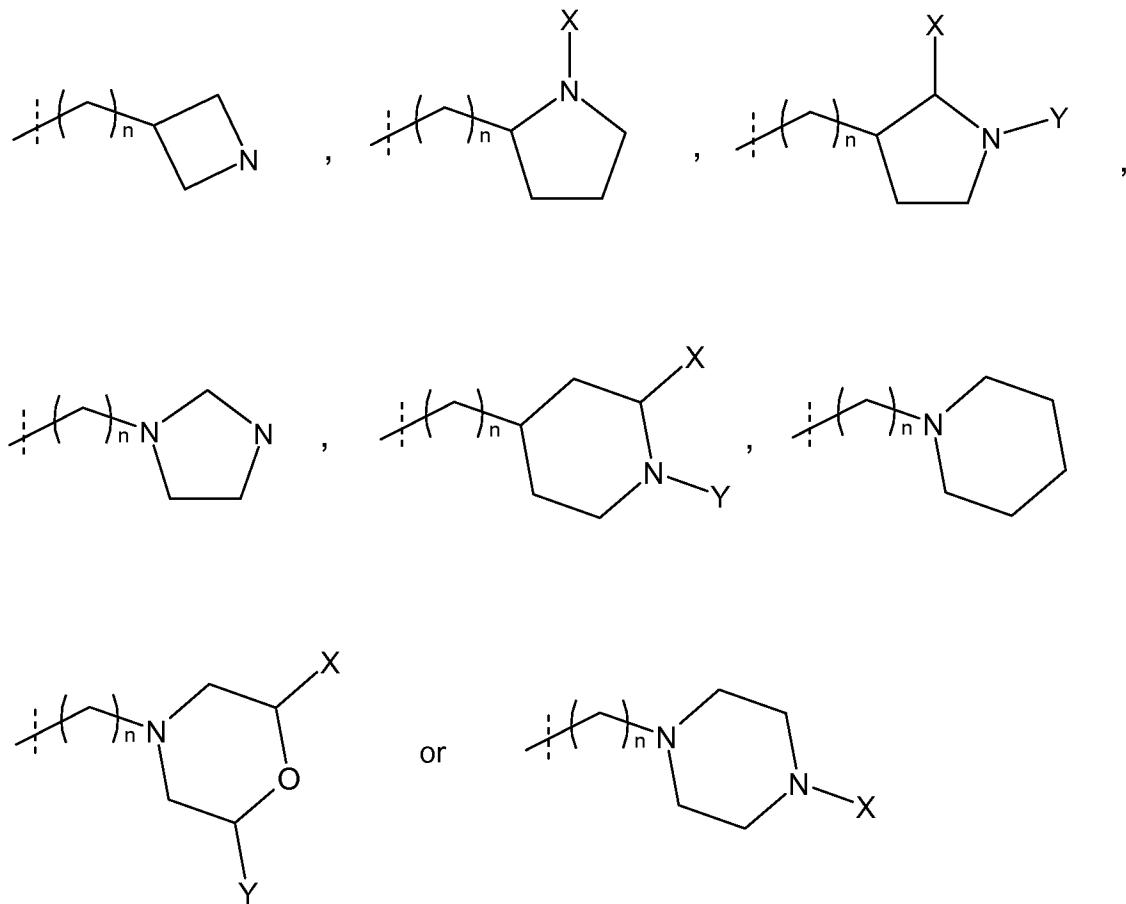
9. (Original) The compound according to Claim 8 wherein R2 represents hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, or NH SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>.

10. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



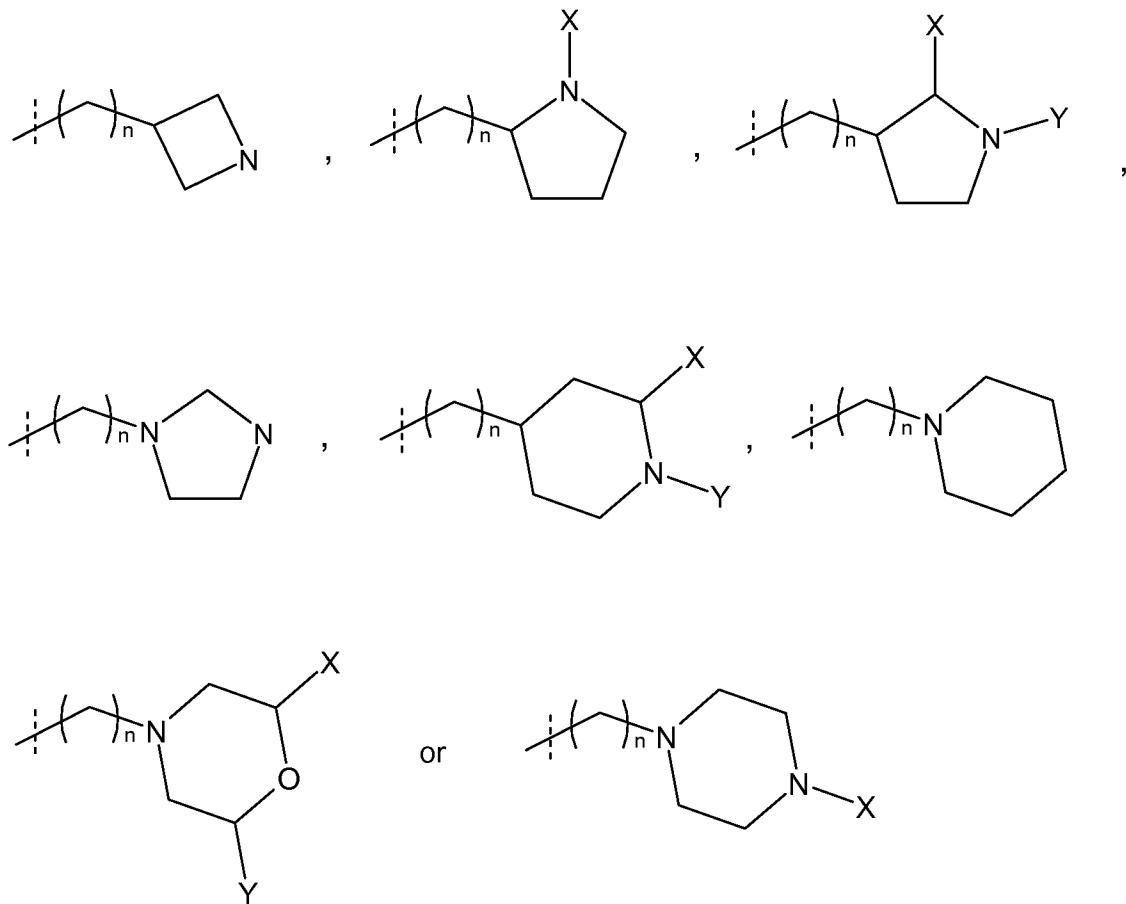
11. (Original) The compound according to Claim 10 wherein R3 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-heterocycle, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-substituted heterocycle.

12. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R3 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or a group of the formula:



wherein n represents 0-3 and X and Y each independently represents at each occurrence hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

13. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R3 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or a group of the formula:



wherein  $n$  represents 0-3 and  $X$  and  $Y$  each independently represents at each occurrence methyl or ethyl.

14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 9 wherein R4 represents methyl or ethyl.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, halo(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, NHR<sup>7</sup>, or N(R<sup>7</sup>)<sub>2</sub>.

16. (Original) The compound according to Claim 15 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, hydroxy, difluoromethyl,

trifluoromethyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl, NHR<sup>7</sup>, or N(R<sup>7</sup>)<sub>2</sub> wherein R<sup>7</sup> represents independently at each occurrence (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl.

17. (Original) The compound according to Claim 16 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen or flouro.

18. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)